first enactment which would be concerned with the matters of currency movement and routine allocations of foreign exchange would remain under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act to be administered by the RBI. A second enactment to be caleld the "External Economic Relations Act" should cover foreign investment in India, Indian investment abroad, imports of technology, a dynamic growth in exports & special machanism for mobilising & channelling in both directions the financial resources and technology expertise of non-resident Indians.

(c) The proposal has been received very recently. It is too early to react and offer any comments thereon.

Cancellation of licence of ajute mill in Assam

724. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the licence issued for the setting up of a jute mill at Dalgaon, Assam, has been cancelled; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) M/s. Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Guwahati were granted a Letter of Intent No. LI-32(81) dated 25.5.1981 for establishment of a new jute mill at Tehsil Dalgaon, Distt. Darrang in Assam for the manufacture of sacking and hessian. The validity period of the Letter of Intent was extended twice. As no satisfactory progress was made towards the implementation of Letter of Intent, the same was cancelled by Government.

Promotion of tourism in Assam

725. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps the Central Government have taken for promotion of tourism in Assam;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop tourist spots at Bhalukpung in Sonitpur District and at Orang Game Sanctuary in Darrang District;

(c) whether Government also propose to construct tourist lodges in Assam during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The Central Deptt. of Tourism under its print production programme for 1986-87 is producing a series of directories and folders on major tourist destinations of the N.E. including Assam. An amount of Rs. 6.50 lakhs has also been released for provision to boat for River Brahamputra at Gauwhati (total cost Rs. 13.00 lakhs).

(b) to (d) Financial assistance for construction of a forest lodge at Manas (estimated cost Rs. 26.55 lakhs) is being provided. An amount of Rs. 10 lakhs has already been released. Further out of a sanctioned amount of Rs. 6.09 lakhs, Rs. 5.43 lakhs has been released for purchase of mini buses for Kaziranga and Manas wildlife sanctuaries.

Detailed estimates/blue prints in respect of a Yatri Niwas at Silchar are awaited from the State Government.

Curb on Indian newspapers in Nepal

726. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal has put a curb on Indian newspapers; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with Nepal and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any formal curb imposed by the Government of Nepal on Indian newspapers. Their procurement and distribution is done by Nepalese news agencies. Which are understood to have stopped purchasing certain newspapers from India since June 1986.

Creation of new districts in Orissa

727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has suggested to the Central Government for the creation of new districts, new sub-divisions and new Tehsils in Orissa, if so, what are the details in this regard: and

(b) whether the Central Government have received any specific request from the Orissa Government for financial assistance for the creation of a divisional office at Aska, Ganjam in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

स्वर्णाभूषण निर्यात संवर्धन केन्द्र की स्थापना

728. श्री मोर्चा इर्शादबेग : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एक स्वर्णाभूषण निर्यात संवर्धन केन्द्र की स्थापना करने की कोई मांग की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में कब तक निर्णय किए जाने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) पिछले एक वर्ष में सरकार ने स्वर्णाभूषण के निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) निर्यात अभिमुख स्वर्ण आभूषण विनिर्माण कम्पलैक्स स्थापित करने के लिए प्रायोजित अभिकरण से जो कि राज्य सरकार भी हो सकती हैं, विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होना अपेक्षित है । दिल्ली के लिए एक विशेष स्वर्ण आभूषण कम्पलैक्स पहले ही अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है ।

(ग) 1985–86 के दौरान 86 करोड़ रु. के स्वर्ण आभूषणों के निर्यात किए गए ।

Nationalisation of sick Mohini Mills at Belgharia, West Bengal

729. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise the sick Mohini Mills at Belgharia in West Bengal (the management of the Mills is vested in NTC);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The management of Mohini Mills, Bel-